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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. O'ga, Brown's Bank, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. J. W. Lufkin, Brown's Bank, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Moanum, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Emily Cooney, Brown's Bank, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Nannie C. Bohlin, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, \$4.37 1-2 per cwt. for large, \$3.62 1-2 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.12 1-2 for large, \$3.27 1-2 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$3.62 1-2 for large, \$3.37 1-2 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.25; medium cod, \$1.75; all cod caught to the eastward of La-Have bank, \$2, medium \$1.50; cusk, \$1.62 1-2; haddock, \$1; hake, \$1; pollock, 70 cts.

Outside sales Georges handline cod, \$4 3-8 for large and \$3 5-8 for mediums.

Boston.

Sch. Minerva, 5000 haddock, 4000 cod, 600 hake.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 3000 fresh fish.

Haddock \$2, cod \$2.50.

Provincetown Notes.

Sloop Nancy, Capt. Edward Walter Smith, secured 40 bbls. sand eels Sunday which were disposed of to the fishermen for bait.

Sloop Florence sailed Tuesday evening for south netting.

One mackerel, the first to appear this season, was taken in a North Truro trap yesterday.

Steamer A. B. Nickerson has landed 110,000 lbs. pollock and codfish at this port and Gloucester since Saturday last.

Pickerts salt fish wharf has been a busy place the past week. Friday 70,000 pollock were purchased, Saturday 40,000, and on Monday a large quantity were taken.

109,000 pollock were landed at Perkins wharf last Friday.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Tacoma was at Halifax yesterday.

FANCY PRICE FOR MACKEREL.

Fish of Sch. A. C. Newhall Bring 50 Cents Each.

The small lot of fresh mackerel which sch. A. C. Newhall landed at Fulton Market yesterday brought the fancy price of 50 cents each.

Fish Commission Figures.

The bureau of fisheries of the department of commerce and labor reports that for the month of March 2,882,107 pounds of fresh fish and 414,120 pounds of salt fish were landed at this port and 9,174,400 pounds of fresh fish landed at Boston.

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GRAMPUS BRINGS LOBSTERS.

Seed Will Be Stripped for the Local Fish Hatchery.

U. S. Fish Commission sch. Grampus arrived from the Maine coast this morning with the first consignment of seed lobsters of the season. The crustaceans will be stripped of the seed for propagation work at the Ten Pound Island hatchery and the Grampus will then take them back to the Maine coast.

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Good Stocks.

Sch. Thalia, Capt. Ernest Engstrom, stocked \$1380 on her recent Georges halibut trip, the crew sharing \$50.

Sch. Jubilee, Capt. Oscar Lyons, stocked \$1162 on the first salt Rips trip of the season.

Sch. Moanum, Capt. Hugh Quinlan, stocked \$1950 on her recent shack trip, the crew sharing \$45.

Trout for the Alewife Brook.

Deputy Fish Commissioner William W. Nixon of this city, of the Massachusetts fish and game commission, has planted 4000 trout fry in the alewife brook this week. He has been engaged in planting trout fry from the Winchester hatchery in streams all over the state, having put into the water some 225,000 fry.

VALUABLE CONCESSIONS.

Made United States Firm by
Newfoundland Legislature.

HAY-BOND TREATY SUPERSEDED.

Will Ship Fish to This Country
Free of Duty.

The following extracts from a St. John's dispatch to the Halifax Herald, signed "Norman Smith," will be read with considerable interest here:

A bill passed last week by the legislative assembly of Newfoundland has rendered very remote the ratification of the Bond-Hay treaty.

The bill which the assembly of the colony has just passed provides for the granting of assistance to a United States company which proposes to go into the cold-storage business on a large scale. The company is guaranteed for twenty years a dividend of 5 per cent. per annum on a capital of half a million dollars on condition that \$250,000 is spent on a cold-storage plant and \$200,000 expended yearly in the purchase of fish in the island for export. The company also undertakes to preserve bait in cold-storage, and distribute the same at a reasonable price wherever it is needed by Newfoundland fishermen, an undertaking that will undoubtedly be a great boon to the fishermen, enabling them, as it will, to overcome the difficulty they have hitherto labored under, of frequently being unable to obtain bait in localities where fishing is good.

The company, as has been said, intends to go into the business on a very large scale, and instead of being capitalized at half a million it will probably issue stock to the extent of two or three millions, and instead of spending \$250,000 on plant, a million will be nearer the mark. It proposes to establish a central cold-storage station, and a number of sub-stations in various parts of the island. At these sub-stations fish will be purchased,

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shipped to the central depot and thence to the United States.

The American duty on fish, both fresh and dried, averages about three-quarters of a cent per pound. The Bond-Hay treaty looks to the removal of the duty on dried fish, the Washington authorities refusing absolutely to consider any change in respect to fresh fish.

The Newfoundland Cold-storage Company, the concern which has been given assistance by the island government, will be able to ship fish, both fresh and dried, into the United States free of duty, and this is how it can be done:

The law department at Washington has given an incontrovertible opinion that under an Anglo-American treaty signed in 1818, any American citizen may fish in certain waters of Newfoundland, and that the fish so caught in such water are not liable to duty in the United States. On representations from the Newfoundland Cold-storage Company that certain disabilities exist preventing Americans from deriving full benefit from the treaty concessions, and that it proposes to remove those disabilities by employing Newfoundland fishermen to assist in supplying the company with fish, the Washington authorities have declared that there is nothing to prevent all the fish shipped in American bottoms by the company to the United States from entering free of duty, even though not entirely caught by American fishermen.

In other words, the company referred to can apparently take into its employ, if it chooses, all the Newfoundland fishermen, and ship the product of their labors into the United States free of duty.

The bill providing for the guarantee was a special bill, and, therefore, practically grants a monopoly to the company, and hands over to it, to all intents and purposes, the control of the bait supply.

An idea of the concession which has been granted to the company may be gathered from the fact that should it confine its operations to storing and shipping 50 tons of fish per day, the saving in the American duty at three-quarters of a cent per pound will alone amount to \$225,000 yearly. The company proposes, however, to operate a line of steamers, and the probability is that its output will be from 100 to 150 tons per day.

The company originally proposed to export the fish to the United States in bond via Sydney, Cape Breton, establishing at that point a cold-storage warehouse, but the severity of the past winter having proven that Sydney is not a winter port, it is more probable that this idea will be abandoned and Boston made the receiving port.

All the advantages of the agreement will not by any means be on the side of the company. The island fishermen will undoubtedly benefit very considerably. They will obtain not only all the advantages of the Bond-Hay treaty, but their fresh fish will be admitted into the United States free; they will have the benefits of a great modern cold-storage system, and in addition will be enabled to obtain frozen bait in localities where bait is scarce.

The Newfoundland government still expects to put through the Bond-Hay treaty, but to every one who has studied the details of the concession granted to the American company, no reason is apparent why the Washington government should do anything. When the Gloucester interests are informed of the proposals of the company, there probably will be wigs on the green; but the Newfoundland act has been duly signed and the Washington law authorities have given an opinion in writing that would be extremely difficult to upset.

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Sch. Grace Darling, Beverly.

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On'sid+ sales Georges handline cod, \$13-3 for large and \$3 5-8 for mediums.

Boston.

Sch. Philomena Manta, 18,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 200 pollock.

Sch. Edward Trevooy, 1000 haddock, 7000 cod, 40,000 hake, 25,000 cusk, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Sylph, 500 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 12,000 haddock.

Sch. Eva Avina, 4000 haddock, 700 cod.

Sch. Dixie, 4000 cod.

Sch. Bessie, 2200 cod.

Sch. Ignatius Eaos, 4000 cod.

Sch. Venus, 4800 cod.

Sch. Sachem, 2000 cod.

Sch. Marion, 3500 cod.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 5000 haddock.

Sch. Valentina, 13,000 cod.

Sch. Flavilla, 3000 haddock.

Sch. Tecumseh, 1000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Seaconnet, 25,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 3000 hake, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Vidia M. Bigham, 8000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 2000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Sch. Bertha M. Bailey, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. John M. Keen, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Haddock, \$2 to \$3.25; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1.50; pollock, \$1.25; cusk, \$1.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Ralph F. Hodgdon arrived at Port Mulgrave on Thursday.

Sch. Massachusetts sailed from Canso on Thursday.

Capt. Elroy Prior will fit sch. Kentucky for a Cape Shore seining trip.

ONE THOUSAND MACKEREL.

Taken Yesterday in a Trap at Ocean City.

A haul of 1000 mackerel was made by at Ocean City, on the New Jersey coast, Sunday. The fish were shipped to New York.

Mackerel at New York.

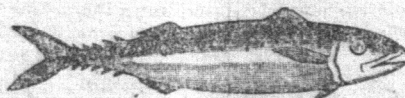
Sch. Lafayette, Capt. George Peeples, of this port, was at New York Saturday with 26 fresh mackerel.

FRESH MACKEREL AT NEW YORK TO-DAY.

Netters and Seiners Have Both Found the Much Sought Fish.

SCH. SPECULATOR HAS SPLENDID FARE OF 250 BARRELS.

Sch. Nourmahal There, Also Sch. Vera and Fleet of Sixteen Netters.



After three weeks of weary waiting and when it seemed that the familiar fisherman phrase, "the dog's dead," would have to be applied to the operations of the seining fleet in southern waters, the hearts of the interested ones here, and that includes about everyone in town, were cheered this morning by the old familiar expression, "Mackerel in New York."

Quickly the good news spread and soon a special to the TIMES, from its regular New York correspondent, gave the following list of arrivals there:

Sch. Speculator, Capt. William Corkum, 250 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Vera, Capt. Gourley Anderson, 4000 fresh mackerel in count.

Sch. Nourmahal, Capt. Wallace Parsons, 80 barrels fresh mackerel.

Beside these good seining trips, the following netters also bobbed up:

Sch. Estelle S. Nunan, 600 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mettacommet, 400 fresh mackerel.

Sch. General Hancock, 300 fresh mackerel.

Steamer Vigilant, 400 fresh mackerel.

Steamer Joppaite, 800 fresh mackerel.

Steamer Dorcas, 65 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Hester, 200 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Alert, 1300 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Evangeline, 300 fresh mackeael.

Steamer Lydia, 250 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Alena L. Young, 240 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Leona, 75 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Wodan, 400 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Marguerite, 200 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Nokomis, 40 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Sarah C. Wharf, 1250 fresh mackerel.

The trip which Capt. William Corkum brought in, gave him and the crew of the Speculator the credit of landing the biggest fresh mackerel fare of the season to date. As the fish are selling at 20 cents apiece, Capt. Corkum and his men will make a fine stock and share.

This is the second trip this season for the sch. Nourmahal, she being the only craft thus far this season to make New York twice with

fresh mackerel. Her skipper, Capt. Wallace Parsons, is living up to his well earned reputation as one of the hustling young skippers of this port.

The news of these arrivals with mackerel has raised the hope that the fleet may yet strike the fish and that the southern mackerel season may not have "failure" written against it on the fishing record of 1904.

A special to the TIMES from Newport, R I., this noon states that the traps in that vicinity are now catching from 200 to 400 mackerel a day and that six schools were seen off there yesterday. No seiners or netters are there.

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BAIT SCARCE ON MAINE COAST.

Unaccountable Scarcity of Herring Along That Shore.

The Rockland, Me., Star says there is a fleet of 40 sail at Boothbay Harbor, eight at Rockland and a dozen others anchored along the coast waiting for herring bait, which seems to have suddenly disappeared. Most of the fleet is from Boston and Gloucester and the absence of bait from Provincetown to Eastport is a remarkable feature of the peculiar cold spring succeeding the memorably cold winter. The fishermen are in a quandary and can only lie at anchor and await the arrival of either herring or alewives which should soon begin to appear in the rivers along the coast.